Income-tax training.

133. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. P. Sivarama Menon has been elected for Income-tax training;

(b) is there any one among the members of the staff of the Income-tax Commissioner's Office with better qualifications than Mr. Sivarama Menon; if so, who is that;

(c) why was he not chosen for the same?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— (a) Yes; his training is already over.

(b) None

(c) This question does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (b) above.

Arecanut gardens in Mulakunnathukavu Constituency.

134. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

are the Government aware that on account of the length and severity of the last summer many of the arecanut gardens in the villages comprising the Mulakunnathukavu Constituency have been more or less devastated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— It is understood that they have been adversely affected to some extent.

Fall in the price of immoveable properties.

135. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

are the Government aware what percentage of fall there is now in the price of immoveable properties from what it was ten years ago ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— It would be difficult to state the percentage of fall now in the price of immoveable properties from what it was ten years ago. It varies with the nature of the properties and the localities in which they are situated.

Public tanks in Pattancheri.

136 Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that Pattancheri people are put to much inconvenience due to want of

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bathing public tanks; if the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly enquire and do the needful?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— There is not much of water scarcity in the locality.

Co-operative Societies.

137. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many villages are there in the Cochin State and into how many of these villages has the Co-operative movement penetrated;

(2) how many Co-operative Societies are there in all in the Cochin State and out of them how many are there that can be classified under each of the following heads:

(a) supply and marketing societies;

(b) irrigation and draining societies;

(c) societies for consolidation of holdings;

(d) societies for the common ownership and use of costly implements and machinery and of cattle;

(e) societies for the supply of dairy products, vegetables, etc., for special villages;

(f) societies doing business in stores;

(g) societies doing banking business;

(3) what is the rural indebtedness of the people of Cochin and what portion of this debt has been taken over by Co-operative Societies;

(4) what is the aggregate owned capital of all the Co-operative Societies of the State and what is the aggregate amount of Government money lent to or deposited in the Co-operative Societies?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:— (1) The co-operative movement has extended to 189 villages out of 273 villages in the State.

(2) 255.

(a) Nine according to the nature of their by-laws. But only one attends to the supply and marketing business. The others are doing only credit work.

(b), (c), (d) and (e) Nil.

(f) Sixteen including 5 students' stationery societies.

(g) 222.

(3) No statistics are available to furnish the information.

(4) Owned capital Rs. 7,56,446—0—0.

Government loan Rs. 26,449—3—3.

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